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## DAY 1 Sunday

Pray today that the pastors in our association will strengthen and encourage one another.

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).*

## DAY 2 Monday

Pray today that the pastors in your association can confidently make any difficult but God-honoring decisions that need to be made in their ministry.

*"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).*

## DAY 3 Tuesday

Pray today that the pastors in our association will be unafraid to lead their people into new territory.

*"Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).*

## DAY 4 Wednesday

Pray today that the pastors in our association who are facing particularly difficult challenges will overcome those challenges and be strengthened by them.

*"The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little while" (1 Peter 5:10).*

## DAY 5 Thursday

Pray today that the pastors in our association who may be struggling emotionally will experience renewed vibrancy in their relationship with the Lord, their families and their people.

*"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart, my portion forever" (Psalm 73:26).*

## DAY 6 Friday

Pray today that the pastors in our association will have discernment, that the enemy will remain at bay and that they can walk boldly in the Lord's protection.

*"Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13).*

## DAY 7 Saturday

Pray today that the pastors in our association will be agents of peace in the event of conflict or strife in their churches.

*"The Lord gives his people strength; the Lord blesses his people with peace" (Psalm 29:11).*

## DAY 8 Sunday

Pray today that the pastors of our association will preach the Word of God in power and that they will find strength and assurance as the Holy Spirit does His work among their people.

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